

I am a little Thrift Stamp,  
I do the best I kin do,  
And if you buy enough of me,  
I'll get the kaiser's skin, too!

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## U.S. MARINES SMASH HUN LINES; CUT OFF TIP OF ENEMY WEDGE

### Americans Dash Forward More Than Two Miles, Going Far Beyond Objectives, Chewing Up Three Enemy Divisions

By the Associated Press.

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES ON THE MARNE, June 7.—The American marines, who began a second attack on the German lines late yesterday captured the village of Torcy and drove their way into Bouresches, northwest of Chateau-Thierry. This morning they were holding Torcy in the face of repeated counter attacks and were pushing back the Germans through the streets of Bouresches. Virtually all their objectives in this attack were attained.

The American plan did not include the taking of Torcy but the marines swept into it and drove out the Germans. The one point where the objective was not reached was on the right of the attack in the Belleau wood. The fiercest fighting is continuing here.

The marines reached all their objectives set for the first hour within that time limit and pushed beyond

them. The early reports indicated the Germans on the run for the time being and surrendering right and left to the Americans.

When the marines reached the outskirts of Bouresches, northwest of Chateau-Thierry, they poured volleys of machine gun fire into the enemy, inflicting terrible casualties.

Bayonets were used freely against many of the Germans who attempted to make a stand in the streets. On the west the allied line has been carried to Granges farm south of Gandelu, west of Neuilly. Belleau wood east of Torcy has been cleared of the enemy. Further details are not available at this hour.

The Americans comprise the detachments on the left of the advancing line. After capturing a small wood shaped like the letter "S" the Americans reached the cemetery at Neuilly and continued to press forward slowly under a heavy fire from German machine guns.

#### Americans Face Gas Shells

In the fighting for Bouresches, the Americans advanced in the face of withering artillery fire, which included gas shells. The American artillery, aiding the advancing infantrymen, performed magnificently in this operation, throwing a veritable curtain of fire ahead of the marines, which aided greatly in breaking down the Hun resistance.

One of the toughest of all the objectives, Belleau wood, some four miles from Chateau-Thierry, was swept by the marines without serious trouble.

#### Hun Counter Blows Due

There seemed reason to expect German counter attacks in strength before long, for previous to the beginning of the afternoon attack, which began at 5 o'clock, the roads behind the German lines were filled with troops, guns and wagons, but the American artillery turned on them and created havoc.

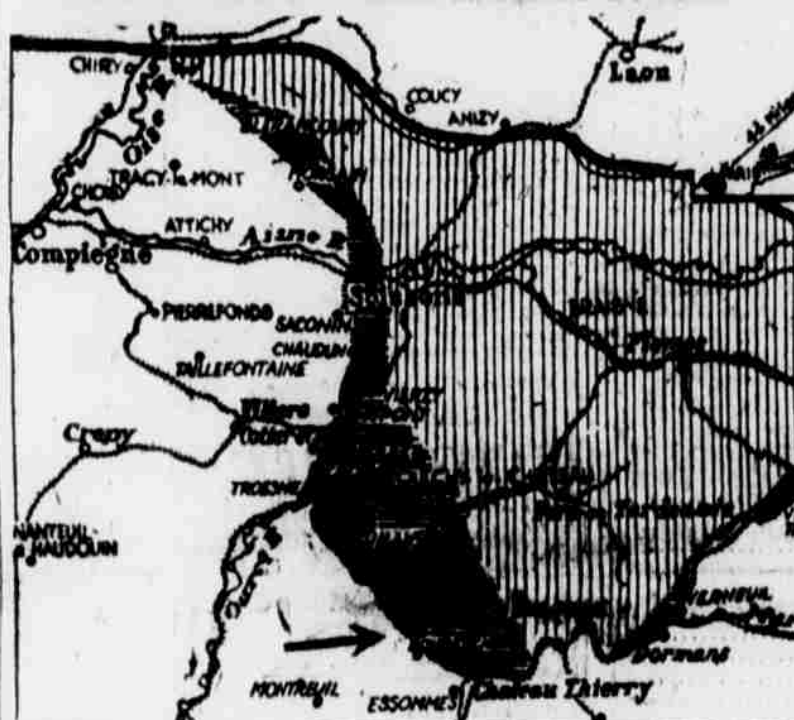
The marines, in their forward sweep, took strong ground on either side of Belleau wood and cleaned out the ravine south of Torcy, which linked up the line with Hill 142, which was taken this morning. This gave them a strong and dominating position for a continuation of their attack. Their total advance was approximately two miles on a three-mile front. The total number of prisoners taken was not known this evening but additional captives were brought in after the morning attack which netted about 100 prisoners.

#### All Prisoners "Tired of War"

A notable development was the low morale of the prisoners, all of whom are Prussians. They expressed themselves as tired of the war and glad to get out of the fighting. This was despite the fact they say, that they are furnished with food, although the Saxons, the Wuertemberg troops and others may go without.

It must not be imagined, however, that they did not put up a fight this morning, for their officers were among them urging them on, but the marines dashed into them yelling like Indians and plying bayonet and rifle. One marine who was taking back a prisoner ran into two German officers and ten men. He tackled them single handed with his rifle and bayonet, killed both the officers and wounded seven of the men.

#### ARROW SHOWS WHERE MARINES STRUCK



#### Sergeant Kills Hun and Four More

Another sergeant was about to take a prisoner when the German threw himself on the ground and discharged his revolver at the American after calling "Comrade."

That settled the German for the sergeant shot him as he did four others who also had surrendered but refused to put up their hands.

The marines, advancing in the Belleau wood-region, went forward in four waves in open formation. The men in the first wave were for the most part armed with rifles and bombs, while the rear waves were equipped with automatic rifles. With them came squads of machine gunners tugging their collapsible guns. They crossed the open space and topped up the slope, bent over like gnomes. The trenches the marines passed over were clearly visible from below, but they hardly deserved the name, for they were simply lines of little holes, big enough to hold a man, while barbed wire was lacking. There was some, however, interlarded among the trees of Belleau wood, but the marines pushed their way through it.

#### Guns Flash From Open Field

Out in the open field, artillery officers with glasses were directing the supporting fire, while on the roof of a nearby farm house a signal man wig-wagged with his red and white flags. On all sides the guns were flashing, some of them stationed right out in the field, while others were hidden in the woods. Looking down into the valley only a mile away, the village of Bussieres could be seen on fire. As the correspondent watched the scene, the clouds of white shrapnel smoke over the village of Torcy also became brownish and flames appeared in that town.

#### Rolling Barrage Before Attack

The artillery fire that preceded the attack lasted an hour and was of especial intensity for five minutes preceding the time when the marines went over the top. French and American batteries both took part in the firing, putting down a rolling barrage and then shifting to the roads behind the German lines.

It appears that the marines in going in forestalled an attack the Germans had planned. It was to have been carried out by the Prussians who had been put into the line for that purpose and

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#### FLOOD RECEDING DESPITE HEAVY RAINS IN STATE

Crest Has Been Reached, Reports Weather Bureau.

With the Canadian river flooding grounds north of Packerpoint and reaching nearly to Robinson avenue in the south portion of the city the report at noon from the new waterworks dam and reservoir west of the city was that the river had started falling. It had fallen over five inches there in the past three hours, it was stated.

At the pumping station at the intersection of West Third street and the river the fall was not noticeable at noon. Weather bureau officials announced that the crest of the rise had reached Oklahoma City and falling of the river would soon follow. They stated that today's rain which is extensive in parts of Oklahoma did not occur in sections which would affect the Canadian river.

Ten workmen were kept busy today reinforcing the cutoff dam barring the river from a drainage canal which had been cut years ago upstream from the pumping station. The river had started washing over the dam and it was feared the swift flow would wash out the structure.

No further damage from floods has occurred to the mains of the Oklahoma Gas and Electric company it was announced. The break in the main east of Yukon which supplied that town and also El Reno was still unrepaired this morning. Owing to the line being under water where it cannot be got at officials were unable to say how long it would require for the connection to be made.

Quick work by Jack Holland, manager of the Oklahoma City baseball club, prevented the Liberty park from being flooded this morning. Holland when he saw that there was danger of the ball park being submerged, built a levee which held the water from the park. It would have had to rise several

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**TAX ON COTTON  
LOOMS IN HOUSE**

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Representative Moore of Pennsylvania, republican, declared today cotton taxes would be a "live subject" in drafting the revenue bill. Cotton, he said, had been a source of great profit and would be a fruitful revenue source.

#### 500,000 Men Will be Added To Class One by Revisions; Navy Barred to 1918 Class

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Provost Marshal General Crowder announced that the class of 1918 registrants will not be allowed to enlist in the navy or marine corps, and that no voluntary inducements will be granted until order and serial numbers have been assigned. After numbers are assigned registrants may enlist if they obtain certificates from their local boards stating they are not within the board's current quota.

A general revision of classifications under the selective service act was started today by Provost Marshal General Crowder when he telegraphed to the governors of all states ordering investigations to determine the reason for

the small number of registrants in Class 1 in some localities. The lists of some boards show an average far below the national average of 28.7 percent registrants in class one. Some boards even have fallen as low as ten percent.

Will Advance Some. Thousands of men now in class four should be put in classes one and two, the provost marshal said. The instructions also ordered investigations to determine if any men have been erroneously put in the upper classes when they should have been placed in those lower down.

It is expected that the rearrangement

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#### French Steamer Reports Combat With Submarine

AN ATLANTIC PORT, June 7.—A French armed merchant ship which rushed into an Atlantic port today reported having had an encounter with a German submarine off the Virginia capes. Details of the battle are lacking, but it is said the fight occurred a short distance outside the capes. The extent of the damage to the merchantman is unknown.

#### Generally Cloudy Weather Forecast

LOCAL FORECAST.—Cloudy and unsettled weather tonight, probably followed by fair and somewhat warmer weather Saturday.

STATE FORECAST.—Tonight and Saturday, generally cloudy weather.

**HOURLY TEMPERATURE**

Time	Temp.
10 p. m.	68
11 p. m.	69
midnight	67
1 a. m.	67
2 a. m.	67
3 a. m.	67
4 a. m.	67
5 a. m.	66
6 a. m.	66
7 a. m.	66
8 a. m.	66
9 a. m.	66
10 a. m.	66
11 a. m.	67
12 noon	67
1 p. m.	68
2 p. m.	69

**"Zimmie"**

#### Girl Who Killed Herself to Help Married Lover



Virgie May.

#### ANTI-BOLSHEVIK LEADER FLEEING

SHANGHAI, June 7.—General Semenov, leader of the anti-bolshevik Siberian forces, has left the trans-Baikal front, according to an eastern news agency dispatch from Harbin. His departure is attributed to dissensions among his forces. It is reported, the agency adds, that he will disband his army and flee into Mongolia.

Two Aviators Killed in Crash. LAKE CHARLES, La., June 7.—Lieuts. John L. Hegarty and Travis Lee Halton were killed near Gerstner field today when their airplanes collided while at battle practice.

#### French Improve Positions In Capture of Two Towns And Dominating Hill Point

PARIS, June 7.—American troops fighting on the main battlefield have gained ground on the line of Torcy-Belleau and Bouresches, west of Chateau-Thierry, the war office announced in today's statement.

West of Noyon and north of Montdidier, on the Picardy area, local operations by the French were successful and prisoners were taken.

In the fighting north of the Aisne, the French captured the village of Le Port, west of Fontenoy.

On the Marne front, northwest of Chateau-Thierry, French troops captured the village of Vinly.

The French also recaptured Hill 204.

between the Marne and Rheims. British troops regained a footing in the village of Bligny, inflicting large losses on the enemy.

#### Marines' Attack Biggest News

(Associated Press War Review.)

Striking the Germans northwest of Chateau-Thierry, American marines, fighting with French troops on either side, have pushed back the tip of the salient driven by the Germans in their rush to the Marne. They have recaptured the village of Torcy and at last

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#### 344,000 TONS OF SHIPS LAUNCHED IN U. S. IN MAY

Construction, Like Deliveries, Breaks All Records.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Ship launchings in May, like deliveries, set a new record. Seventy-one hulls, totaling 344,450 deadweight tons, were put into the water. Thirty-nine of them were steel with a capacity of 228,750 tons and thirty-two wood, of 115,700 tons.

Deliveries of American ships likewise set a new record for May, when forty-three steel vessels and one wooden ship were completed and delivered to the shipping board. The May output brings the total deliveries since September, 1917, to 170 ships, aggregating 1,112,879 tons.

Figures on American deliveries, and those of Great Britain for the first five months of the year, are:

	United States	Great Britain
January	58,807	87,852
February	131,420	190,073
March	172,611	232,511
April	140,286	167,000
May	344,450	197,274

#### O'Brien Plays 'Em Close But Local Poker Sharks Win

Pat O'Brien told the Rotary Club at its luncheon yesterday that he had more money than all the other prisoners in a certain Belgian prison where British officers were corraled.

"Confidentially," he said, "those British are the worst poker players I ever saw."

Several guests of British blood resented the aspersions cast upon the ability of the race to sit tight with three.

Pat O'Brien, two Britishers, an Irishman and two more Americans cut for the deal at 3:30 p. m. and when the game broke up at 6 o'clock the lad who outwitted the Hun was 55 cents short.

Losses were purely local and money remains in Oklahoma City.

According to the rumors told about the game, O'Brien plays them "vera, vera close."

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Senator Swanson, acting chairman of the naval committee, after a conference with navy heads, today declared that the allied and American naval forces have destroyed sixty percent of all German submarines constructed and that they have cut shipping losses in half.

#### SECOND LARGEST WHEAT CROP DUE, FORECAST SHOWS

Spring and Winter Yield May Reach Billion Bushels.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—The second largest wheat crop in the history of the country is in prospect for this year's harvest. The department of agriculture today forecast a total of 931,000,000 bushels of winter and spring wheat combined. That is only 69,000,000 less than the billion crop the government had hoped for and continuation of the ideal growing conditions such as prevailed during the last month, might yet produce a harvest of 1,000,000,000.

Winter Crop 587,000,000 Bushels. The winter wheat crop was estimated at 587,000,000 bushels and the spring wheat production at 344,000,000 bushels. Winter wheat condition was 83.8 percent of a normal.

Spring wheat condition was 95.2 and the acreage 22,489,000.

Production of oats was forecast at 1,500,000,000, the acreage 44,475,000, and the condition 93.2.

Barley production, 235,000,000 bushels; acreage 9,108,000 and condition 90.5.

Rye production, 81,000,000 bushels and condition 83.6.

Hay production 107,000,000 tons, condition 89; pastures, condition 92.5.

Apple production 203,000,000 bushels, condition 69.8.

Peach production 42,900,000 bushels, condition 52.

Winter wheat condition and production forecasts in principal states are as follows:

State	Condition	Production—000s
Ohio	87	25,814
Indiana	88	23,229
Illinois	86	81,153
Missouri	86	49,598
Nebraska	79	43,049
Kansas	78	97,118
Oklahoma	74	32,267

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PARIS, June 4.—It is significant of the desperation of the Germans in the present battle that men armed with razors have been encountered in some of the hand to hand fighting with the French. French wounded have been brought back to at least one field ambulance post suffering from wound, inflicted by razors.